

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m. – 8:19 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Cook and Kujawa.

ABSENT: Councilmember Day.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison; and Adler Pruitt, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledgment Of Newly Appointed Board And Committee Members: Mayor Wojahn acknowledged Dawn Powers, who was recently appointed to the Education Advisory Committee, and thanked her for her service.

Amendments To And Approval Of The Agenda: Councilmember Stullich asked to remove item 16-G-16 (request by the University of Maryland to rename Paint Branch Parkway to Campus Drive) from the agenda to allow time for more community input. A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Somers reviewed the items in the red folder: a "lay on the table" stop sign request and written comments on item 16-G-16. He announced that City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 for the Presidents Day holiday.

Announcements:

Councilmember Dennis announced the Lakeland Civic Association will hold their monthly meeting at the College Park Community Center on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Kabir said the North College Park Civic Association would hold their monthly meeting at Davis Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to adopt the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-O-07; January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting; January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting; and January 26, 2016 Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-O-01. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Student Liaison's Report: Mr. Holocker had no report.

Comments From The Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Jose Fuentes, 5704 Vassar Drive: Mr. Fuentes complained about the situation at his property that he believes was caused by the retaining wall that was constructed between his house and his next door neighbor's house. As a result, water and mud has entered his basement through a window well, which has caused a mold problem in his house. He has discussed the situation with the City Manager and others, and believes everything is against him. He said that no permit was obtained for the wall and that the City should enforce the code. He believes he is being discriminated against.

Yashvi Aware, Miss College Park 2015: She discussed the many events she has attended since she was crowned in April of 2015. She graduated from college in May of 2015 and is now a graduate student, hoping to enter medical school. She received \$2,200 in scholarships thanks to this program.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wojahn and the Chair of the Education Advisory Committee Carolyn Bernache presented FY '16 Public School Education Grants to Cherokee Lane Elementary (Sheena Hardy, Principal), University Park Elementary (Toi Davis, Principal), High Point High School (Sandra Jimenez, Principal), Greenbelt Middle School (Tracey Thisse, TAG Coordinator), and Parkdale High School (Tanya Washington, Principal). The recipients thanked the City for their support.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

- 16-G-14** **Approval of 2016 Spring Field Use Requests for Duvall Field by the College Park Boys and Girls Club and Maryland Stingers Women's Rugby Club**
- 16-R-01** **A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland To Endorse The Neighborhood Businessworks Program's Financing To Milkboy College Park, LLC**
- 16-G-15** **Motion to voice no objection to the annual renewal of liquor licenses for establishments in the City, authorization for the City Manager to sign a letter to that effect, and for staff to testify to the City's position before the Board of License Commissioners**

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 16-G-17** **Approval of installation of a permanent water line at the Old Town Community Garden**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to authorize staff to pursue construction of a permanent water line to the Old Town Community Garden in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the Sustainability Initiatives budget, CIP Project #091004.

Councilmember Stulich said the Old Town Community Garden is the first of what we hope will be a number of community gardens in the City. In its first year, 15 residents participated for a total of 20 plots. The gardeners found ways to water their plants without water available onsite, but providing a permanent water connection will ensure the long term success of the garden.

There were no comments from the audience or the Council.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Brennan said the M-NCPPC summer camp guide is out and two Berwyn children are on the cover.

Councilmember Nagle said it would be beneficial for the City to address drainage problems city-wide and to work alone or with the County to address them.

Mayor Wojahn reviewed his participation in the Maryland Mayors Association conference and his discussion with Gov. Hogan on a variety of issues including the innovation economy in College Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adjourn the meeting and with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved